

Dear California Department of Education:

Do you remember when many in the U.S. believed that Iraq had WMDs? The news, Internet, and many pundits were saying it. But, when we invaded, there was no WMD program!

Why bring this up? Have you considered that the passages on comfort women history (Chapter 15, lines 913-19) may not be 100% true?

Have you read the books by South Korean-born professors, C. Sarah Soh ("Comfort Women") and Yu-Ha Park ("Comfort Women of the Empire")? Have you reviewed the testimonials of all of the comfort women, not just the ones that were carefully selected by certain groups? Some testimonials from former Korean comfort women are below\*.

Wouldn't a true educator verify the facts (by reading the above books and/or consulting with the professors above) BEFORE adding lines 913-919 to Chap. 15?

Thank you for your prudence.

Sincerely yours,

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\*Testimonials from Korean Comfort Women (Source: "The Comfort Women," by C. Sarah Soh, The Univ. of Chicago Press, Chicago, 2008):

(a) Sun-ok Kim recalled: "My father entreated me and said, '...It's your misfortune to have someone like me as a father...' Within a fortnight after my return home from Sinuiju, I was sold for a fourth time and sent off to a military comfort station in Manchuria in 1941." p. 11.

(b) Kun-ja Kim's original testimonial, "published in 1999, revealed that her foster father 'sold' her." Kim also reportedly stated she "hated the father more than the Japanese military." p. 101.

(c) Yong-Su Yi originally stated, "Without letting my mother know, I simply left home by following my friend." pp. 99-100.